

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action mailed May 31, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability of claims 4-6, 10-12 and 16-18 subject to the 35 U.S.C. §112 issues outlined in the Office Action and to their re-writing in independent form. Claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 have been amended to include elements of claims 4, 10, and 16 in light of this acknowledgement. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Additionally, Claims 1, 3, 4, 13, 15, 16 and 19 have been amended to further particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention. Specifically, the term RADIUS has been replaced with the term "access control protocol". Support for these changes may be found in the specification, page 2 lines 18-21. The text of claims 2, 5, 6, 14, 17 and 18 is unchanged, but their meaning is changed because they depend from amended claims.

Claim 10 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

With this amendment it is respectfully submitted the claims satisfy the statutory requirements.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Grantges, Jr.<sup>1</sup> This rejection is respectfully traversed.

These claims have been amended to include elements contained in dependent claims 4, 10, and 16. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable for the same reasons as given by the Office Action for allowing claims 4, 10, and 16 if they were rewritten in independent form.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Patent No. 6,324,648

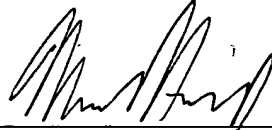
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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